

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, early learning organizations nationwide are recognizing Child Care Providers on this day; and

WHEREAS, of the 21 million children under the age of 6 in America, 13 million are in child care at least part time and an additional 24 million school-age children are in some form of child care outside of school time; and

WHEREAS, by calling attention to the importance of high quality child care services for all children and families within our state, these groups hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

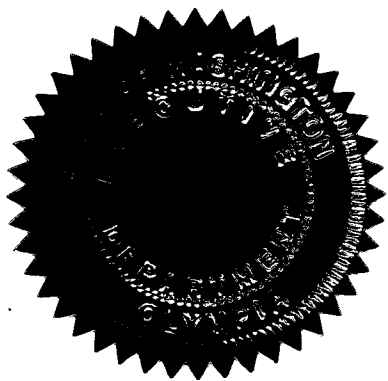
WHEREAS, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today; and

WHEREAS, high quality early childcare services represent a worthy commitment to our children's future;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2006, as

Child Care Provider Appreciation Day

in Washington State, and I encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing child care providers for their important work.



Signed this 19th day of April, 2006

Christine Gregoire

Governor Christine O. Gregoire